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1. A MEETING WITH "METALLIST" FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO THE NORWEGIAN CAMP AT GOTTRORA
2. COURSES FOR POLITICAL LEADERS
3. "NIL"

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To VIKTOR[1].

A meeting took place with "METALLIST"[ii] after his four-day stay in the Norwegian camp at GOTTRORA[GOTTRERA][iii]. Besides the three courses previously mentioned, taking part[a] in courses there still are military political leaders who have already been studying[b] [4 groups unrecovered] the first batch of students to pass[PERVYJ VYPUSK][c]. The military political leaders, fifty in number, who have passed out from these courses are for the time being in camps as political leaders[POLITRUKI] with Norwegian military formations[d]. The total strength in the Norwegian camp at GOTTRORA is nearly 2,000 men and in all the Norwegian camps in SWEDEN there must be at least 10,000 men. The construction of new camps for Norwegians is proceeding at a number of places and in particular

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in [5 groups unrecovered] MÅLSÄKER[MEL'SÖKER][iv] (MARIEFRED[v]). [5 groups unrecovered] camp at FALUN[vi] for five-day ski training, [4 groups unrecovered]. METALLIST has established that, even among the students on the political courses, there is a representative of the Norwegian

[83 groups unrecovered]

Norwegian camp at [3% GOTTRÖRA]

[15 groups unrecovered]

to METALLIST

[42 groups unrecoverable]

"MIL"[vii], but it is impossible

[12 groups unrecovered]

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VALERIAN[viii]

Notes: [a] Literally "still working".

[b] Or "occupying themselves with/engaged on".

[c] The translation of this sentence should be treated with considerable reserve; its present incomplete state makes it susceptible of numerous different interpretations, and only knowledge of the situation obtaining at the time will permit the correct one to be chosen.

[d] "VOENNOE SOEDINENIE", the term used here, is the exact equivalent of the English term "formation" i.e. division and above. It seems unlikely, however, that formations in this sense of the word existed in internment camps.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] METALLIST: ✓ i.e. "METAL-WORKER"; unidentified. First occurrence.

[iii] GOTTRÖRA: 59.45N : 18.25E, SWEDEN.

[iv] MÅLSÄKER: An estate and castle on the island of SELÖ, north of MARIEFRED.

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Comments: [v] MARIEFRED: 59.15N : 17.15E, SWEDEN.

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[vi] PALM: 60.35N : 15.39E, SWEDEN.

[vii] NIL: Possibly Cyrillic rendering of NEIL/NEILL/NIEL/NELI/  
NEALE/KNEALE. "NIL" is also the Swedish for "NILE".  
Unidentified.

[viii] VALERIAN: Vasilij Fedorovich RAZIN, 1st Secretary at the  
Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.

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